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SENIOR INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP
MEETING ON LIBYA

March 18, 1981

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

-- A memo will be prepared for the President requesting his approval for a strategy toward Libya based on the view that Libya is a significant threat to U.S. interests.

-- The memo to the President will propose the following immediate actions:

-- Air reconnaissance flights and Sixth Fleet maneuvers in international waters and airspace claimed by Libya, preceded by a stern warning to the Libyans that any hostile Libyan action would be met by force.

-- Diplomatic discussions with selected European and regional friends and allies; specifically, Secretary Haig would share our strategic view of Libya with Sadat on his forthcoming trip.

-- Issuance of stronger advisory notices warning Americans against travel to Libya, and consultation with the management of U.S. oil companies operating in Libya to urge reduction in the size of their American staffs.

-- Media campaign to focus international public opinion on Libyan excesses.

-- Closure of the Libyan People's Bureau in Washington (precise timing to be coordinated with the other elements of the action program).

-- Additional studies and contingency planning will be undertaken:

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State Dept. review completed

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-- Meanwhile, the basic discussion paper on Libya is to be revised to sharpen the description of the action program and to distinguish more clearly between immediate and longer-term measures.

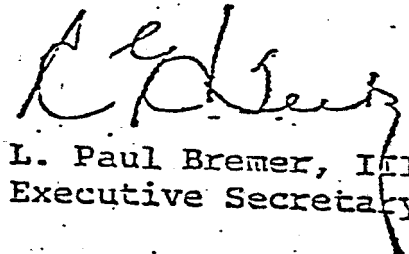
ACTION ASSIGNMENTS

-- State will draft a memorandum to the President as indicated above.

-- State will prepare a new paper for circulation to SIG members. Depending on reactions stemming from their review, as well as the President's response to the memo to be sent to him, a decision will be made whether to hold another formal SIG meeting.

-- DOE, DOD, and State will carry out contingency planning activities as indicated.

-- Other actions will be assigned and carried out as indicated in "Summary of Conclusions" above, as and when the President approves the proposed memo.

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